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### HIGHLIGHTS IN THIS REPORT

Quarterly Milk Production

#### Louisiana Milk Production

Louisiana dairies produced an estimated 67 million pounds of milk during the January-March 2010 quarter, down 19 percent from the same period in 2009. The number of milk cows averaged 20,000 head during the quarter, down 17 percent from last year.



#### United States Milk Production

**Milk production** in the U.S. during the January - March quarter totaled 47.3 billion pounds, down slightly from the January - March quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.1 million head, 206,000 head less than the same period last year.

**Milk production** in the 23 major states during March totaled 15.4 billion pounds, up one percent from March 2009. February revised production at 13.7 billion pounds, was up slightly from February 2009. The February revision represented an increase of 17 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

**Production per cow** in the 23 major states averaged 1,846 pounds for March, 51 pounds above March 2009.

**The number of milk cows** on farms in the 23 major states was 8.3 million head, 162,000 head less than March 2009, but 1,000 head more than February 2010.

#### Milk Production: Selected States, January-March 2009– 2010

Selected States	January-March Milk Cows <sup>1</sup>		January-March Milk Production <sup>2</sup>	
	2009	2010	2009	2010
	-----Thousands-----		-----Million Pounds-----	
Alabama	11.0	11.0	48	44
Arkansas	13.5	13.0	43	41
<b>Louisiana</b>	<b>24.0</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>67</b>
Mississippi	19.0	17.0	74	63
Oklahoma	62.0	57.0	265	249
Tennessee	58.0	53.0	244	222
Texas	430.0	410.0	2,271	2,187
<b>United States</b>	<b>9,295</b>	<b>9,089</b>	<b>47,374</b>	<b>47,331</b>
23 Major States <sup>3</sup>	8,491	8,318	43,748	43,846

<sup>1</sup> Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

<sup>2</sup> Excludes milk sucked by calves.

<sup>3</sup> Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin.

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